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1. CITING INFORMED SOURCES, EAST JERUSALEM DAILY "AL FAJR" REPORTS MAY 26 THAT ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING PALESTINIANS TO REPLACE OFFICERS IN THE MILGOV AND SERVE AS DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS: DR. MOHAMAD SAID BADRAN (HEALTH), KAMAL YASSIN (AGRICULTURE), DR. HATIM KAMAL (VETERINARY SERVICES), ABDULQEDER 'ARIFAH (SOCIAL WELFARE), AND NIHAD JARALLAH (JUSTICE).

2. AL FAJR ALSO REPORTS THAT FORMER GOJ MINISTER MUSTAFA DUDIN HAS BEEN GIVEN APPROVAL BY THE MILGOV TO ESTABLISH FARMERS' UNION IN THE HEBRON REGION.

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3. IN ITS EDITORIAL, AL FAJR ATTACKED ISRAEL FOR TRYING TO IMPLEMENT SELF-RULE SURREPTITIOUSLY THEREBY CREATING A POLITICAL "FAIT ACCOMPLI" IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. "DOES ISRAEL THINK A PEACE BASED ON IMPOSED CIVIL ADMINISTRATION CAN ENDURE?" ASKS AL FAJR. CLEARLY, ITS EDITORS DO NOT THINK SO.

4. TORGERSON (LA TIMES) WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING UP THE STORY WITH ISRAELIS NOW BELIEVES RESTRUCTURING OF THE MILGOV ADMINISTRATION IS SO FAR LIMITED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. BOTH ARABS AND ISRAELIS HAVE TOLD HIM THE PLANNING FOR THAT BEGAN IN OCTOBER, 1977. HIS ISRAELI CONTACTS NOW TELL HIM THAT WEIZMAN RAISED HIS IDEAS ON SELF-RULE WITH OTHER MINISTERS RECENTLY, BUT NOT IN A FORMAL CABINET MEETING. HE ALSO REPORTS THAT DAYAN CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SELF-RULE BUT HAS NOT ATTEMPTED TO BRING IT UP IN THE CABINET.

5. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE CONCERN THAT THE ISRAELIS WILL ATTEMPT TO IMPLEMENT BEGIN'S PLAN BY HOOK OR BY CROOK IS WIDESPREAD ON THE WEST BANK. DUDIN HAS LONG BEEN PEGGED AS THE QUISLING OF HEBRON; MILGOV GO AHEAD FOR HIS PROJECT WILL CONFIRM THOSE SUSPICIONS. THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS, MENTIONED IN AL FAJR, ARE POLITICAL NON-ENTITIES WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF JARALLAH.
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